

BULLS BOOST COTTON PRICE

Big is Pool Formed by Men With
Many Millions of Cash.

TO STAND BY GROWERS.

Object of Combine is to Keep Up Price
of Staple—September Crop Condi-
tion Shows Decline.

Frank B. Hayne, the noted cotton
bull operator, returning to New Or-
leans Sunday, after a three months'
absence on the floor of the New
York cotton exchange, declared that
the bull pool now operating to raise
the price of cotton is the richest pool
ever organized in America, and is
amply able to do what it has set out
to accomplish.

Hayne's statements regarding the
pool have broken the mystery which
surrounded the new aggregation which
expects to put cotton at the top notch.
Heretofore the greatest secrecy has
been maintained regarding every de-
tail of the pool's personnel and
movements, and even Mr. Hayne was
not ready to give the whole matter
to the public.

He stated, however, that the pool
was not composed of southern men,
although many New Orleans men, he
declared, are very bullish on cotton.
Mr. Hayne would not admit that he
was in the pool himself, but stated
that his ideas were in line with the
ideas of those in the deal, which
was that cotton is cheap at the pres-
ent price, and that during no month of
the coming year will the staple sell
for less than 10 cents.

Hayne estimates the crop at 10,500,
000 bales. The demand, he says, will
be enormous.

Crop Conditions Show Decline.

In its monthly cotton crop report
Saturday the New York Journal of
Commerce makes the condition of cot-
ton on September 24, as computed
from the replies of over 1,000 corre-
spondents, 69.4, compared with 72.4
a month ago, or a decline of 3 points.

This compares with a condition of
69.9 for the corresponding report in
1904, 67.8 in 1903 and 64.7 in 1902.
A three points decline is an ex-
ceedingly moderate one for Septem-
ber, the decrease for the past four
years as reported by the Journal of
Commerce being 7.5 in 1904, 11.8 in
1903, 6.3 in 1902 and 6.7 in 1901.

Moderate deterioration occurred in
all states, except in Florida and Okla-
homa Territory.

Florida shows an increase of 0.4
points to 73.6, and Oklahoma an in-
crease of 1.1 to 82.7.

WOMAN'S AIM WAS TOO BAD.

General Passenger Agent of the M., K. and
T. Railway was Her Target.

Not since the Blair defalcation has
St. Louis society been so shocked
as by the attempt of Mrs. Lillian
Sprague, a society woman, to kill
George Morton, the general passen-
ger agent of the Missouri, Kansas
and Texas railroad. Mrs. Sprague fired
twice at Morton shortly after mid-
night Friday in Morton's automobile
shed in the rear of his residence.

Recently Mrs. Sprague's husband
obtained a divorce from her, naming
Morton as correspondent.

Regarding her attempt to kill Mor-
ton, Mrs. Sprague says:

"I tried to force him to take me
home, and he struck me. He was
furious. I thought he intended to
murder me. As I struggled from the
ground, I remembered the pistol and
drew it. I fired twice at him. I
then ran. I was crazy with pain, hu-
miliation and fear."

Degrees Conferred on Peace Envoys.

The honorary degree of doctor of
laws has been conferred by Columbia
University on Baron Komura and Ser-
gius Witte, the senior peace plenipo-
tentiaries of Japan and Russia.

ORDERED TO FIRE ON STUDENTS.

Obstreperous College Boys at Madison, Wis-
consin, Court Trouble.

As a result of an attempt by a
crowd of students to break up a cer-
nival company showing at Madison,
Wis., Mayor Curtis gave orders to the
police to shoot any student resisting
arrest or assaulting officers.

President Vanhise of the state uni-
versity, urged officers and courts to
show no discrimination against stu-
dents and said he would expel every
student convicted in court and would
suspend all arrested.

VACATION IS TERMINATED.

President Roosevelt and Family Depart
From Oyster Bay and Arrive Safely
in Washington.

With the cheers and good wishes of
his neighbors and friends following
him, President Roosevelt, his vaca-
tion ended, left Oyster Bay at 10
o'clock Saturday morning for Wash-
ington.

The farewell given the president
by the residents of his home town
was notable. Throughout the village,
residences and business buildings
were decorated and Audrey avenue,
over which the president passed to
the railroad station, was hung with
large American flags at intervals of
twenty feet. At the railroad, over the
entrance to the waiting room, a white
dove with outstretched wings perched
on an American shield, had been
placed. Beneath this emblem was the
one word "Peace." The whole was
entwined with the national colors of
Russia and Japan.

At the station hundreds of the
neighbors and acquaintances of the
president and his family had assem-
bled. Scores of school children were
mased about the platform, each wav-
ing a little American flag. Within a
part of the platform which had been
roped off to enable the president and
his party to reach the train were
twenty young women attired in white,
trimmed with ribbons of red and blue.
As the president boarded the train
they sang "God be with you till we
meet again."

The president was accompanied to
Washington by Mrs. Roosevelt and
their children Ethel, Archie and Quen-
tin.

Secretary and Mrs. Loeb, who have
been living at Seawanhaka Yacht
club, on Center Island, this summer,
were obliged, on account of the se-
rious illness of Mrs. Loeb, to go to
Jersey City by water, making the
trip on the naval yacht Sylph. On
the trip to Washington Mrs. Loeb was
under the care of a trained nurse.

Thousands of his fellow-citizens
turned out to welcome the president
to the national capital Saturday eve-
ning and made his homecoming the
occasion for an ovation from the time
he was sighted on the platform of
his car until he passed within the
doors of the white house.

The president was touched by the
welcome, and especially by its spon-
taneity.

"It was awfully kind of them to
come out to greet me," he remarked
to some friends at the white house,
"and I was deeply touched by their
welcome."

A mighty cheer went up as the
crowd inside the depot caught sight
of the president, which was taken up
by the crowds outside of the station
and had passed along the line as the
president was recognized. He shook
hands first with the cabinet members
and other officials, then giving Mrs.
Roosevelt his arm, he walked slowly
to his carriage. As he reached the
engine the president thanked the en-
gineers for his safe trip, and stopped
to shake his hand.

The president frequently arose and
bowed to the cheering crowds on
both sides of the avenue and during
the latter part of the drive the "hur-
rahs" became so enthusiastic that the
president stood most of the time. Mrs.
Roosevelt also was greatly pleased
with the greeting, and her face was
radiant as she bowed right and left.

BATTLESHIP MISSISSIPPI LAUNCHED.

Another Vessel for Uncle Sam's Navy
Glides Safely Into Her Element.

In the presence of a distinguished
party of guests, the battle ship Mis-
sissippi was launched, Saturday at the
yards of the William Cramp Ship and
Engine Building company at Philadel-
phia.

The vessel's sponsor was Miss Ma-
bel Clare Money, daughter of United
States Senator Money. Owing to the
prevalence of yellow fever in the
south, Governor J. K. Vardaman of
Mississippi and his staff were unable
to attend the launching.

EVER REPORT FOR MISSISSIPPI.

Situation at Various Points of Infection as
Recorded for Wednesday.

The Mississippi yellow fever sum-
mary Wednesday night was as fol-
lows:

Hamburg—One new case, one sus-
picious case.

Vicksburg—Five new cases, four
deaths.

Natchez—Three new cases.

Gulfport—Four new cases.

Mississippi City—One new case.

Port Gibson—One new case.

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MOTHER'S HORRIBLE DEED

Murders and Burns Seven Children,
Dying With Them—Husband and
Father Suicides From Grief.

Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cam-
bridge, near Rock Island, Ill., in a
fit of temporary insanity, Saturday,
killed her seven children with an axe,
after which she placed their bodies
on a bed, saturated it with coal oil
and set fire to it.

She then hacked her throat with a
knife and threw herself on the burn-
ing bodies.

She was rescued, but was so badly
burned that she died soon after she
had made a confession.

The eldest was nine years of age,
the youngest a baby in arms.

Neighbors attracted by the smoke
of the burning dwelling rushed to the
rescue and found Mrs. Markham cov-
ered with blood and badly burned.

Barely able to tell her story, she
at first declared the crime had been
committed by a strange man, but,
later, when the sheriff arrived, she
admitted that she had slain her chil-
dren one by one and attempted to de-
stroy their bodies and her own in the
fire. Soon afterwards she died. When
the ruins of the home had cooled a
confirmation of her story was had in
the finding of the charred corpses
each with its skull crushed.

News of the tragedy spread
throughout the country side quickly
and when Sheriff Stiles of Cambridge
arrived on the scene he found the
woman breathing her last from a jag-
ged wound in her throat.

In her insane frenzy she had at-
tempted death.

First the woman claimed that a
tall man with a dark mustache had
killed her children, but on being told
that her own death was but a ques-
tion of a few minutes, confessed that
she had committed the deed.

During the time of the sheriff's
inquisition, Mrs. Markham lay gasp-
ing feebly in the yard of her home,
while beside her the husband and
father, who had been called from his
labor, moaned piteously, his attention
divided between the woman and the
flames, in the heart of which reposed
the bodies of his little ones.

The incoherent explanations of the
mother as she lay at the point of
death failed to establish any reason
for the deed. It is thought, however,
that long continued worry had un-
balanced her mind.

Late Saturday night Clarence B.
Markham, husband and father of the
victims of the tragedy, committed sui-
cide by shooting himself after tying a
rope around his neck, so that it
would choke him to death in case
the bullet failed of its purpose.

DEMOCRATS OF MARYLAND MEET.

Platform Almost Wholly Devoted to the
Question of Negro Suffrage.

At the democratic state convention
of Maryland, which was held in Bal-
timore, Comptroller of the State At-
kins was renominated and a platform
adopted, which, excepting a para-
graph favoring the administration of
the present governor, is wholly de-
voted to the proposed constitutional
amendment to restrict negro suffrage,
which will be voted upon at the No-
vember election.

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1:04p	6:37p	Chisley	10:47a	5:00a
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2:13p	7:29p	Ponce de Leon	9:57a	3:40a
2:31p	7:44p	Argyle	9:44a	3:18a
2:45p	8:13p	Dp Funlak Springs	9:35a	3:03a
3:35p		Deerland	8:56a	2:00a
4:00p	9:04p	Crestview	8:38a	1:38a
4:10p	9:12p	Milligan	8:30a	1:20a
4:33p		Holts	8:15a	12:55a
5:26p	10:05p	Milton	7:39a	11:58a
5:32p		Galt City	7:35a	11:50p
5:43p		Harp		11:30p
5:48p	10:19p	Mulat	7:25a	11:25p
6:00p	10:28p	Escambia	7:18a	11:23p
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